

**IN THE DRAWINGS**

Please replace Fig. 1 with the amended version of Fig. 1, included herewith.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the portion of the specification indicated below to read as indicated herein.

**[0028]** Node 130 outputs a breaker status signal to indicate the status of circuit breaker 145, e.g., whether circuit breaker 145 is opened or closed. The breaker status signal from node 130 is included among digital signals 140. ~~Breaker status signals 161 and 161<sub>N</sub> are received also from breaker 145 and 145<sub>N</sub>, respectively.~~ Thus, digital I/O 215 receives a breaker status signal from (a) node 130 via digital signals 140, ~~and/or (b) breaker 145 via breaker status signal 161.~~ Digital I/O 215 time-stamps any state change in the breaker status signal, and sends the time-stamped signal to processor 220.